EDITORIAL

Current issue includes a set of interesting papers covering different aspects. On the one hand, from the core of Sport Psychology field, those related to factors influencing sport participation or drop-out: Coutinho et al’s Influence of parental participation on sport participation [Influência parental na participação desportiva do atleta: uma revisão sistemática da literatura]; Mírò et al’s ¿Compaginar o elegir?: la transición del bachillerato a la universidad de deportistas de alto rendimiento [Compaginar or choosing? the transition from baccalaureate to university of high performance athletes]; Navarrón-Vallejo et al’s Determinantes psicosociales y deportivos de la intención de continuar la participación en la práctica deportiva y la competición en atletas con discapacidad [Psychosocial and athletic determinants of intention for continuing participation in training and competition in disabled athletes].

Describing psychological characteristics of athletes practicing a specific modality is Regal et al’s Perfil psicológico deportivo y ansiedad estado competitiva en triatletas [Psychological sport profile and competitive state anxiety in triathletes] aim, as analyzing factors influencing tactical knowledge is Praça et al’s Influence of Numerical Superiority and Players’ Tactical Knowledge on Perceived Exertion and Physical and Physiological Demands in Soccer Small-Sided Games.

There are also bunch of papers presenting psychosocial factors involved in several issues: Silva et al’s Percepción de los estudiantes sobre comportamientos homófobos y heterosexistas en educación física [Students perceptions on homophobic and heterosexist behaviors in physical education]; Besta and Kossakowski’s Football supporters: Group identity, perception of in-group and out-group members and pro-group action tendencies.

If there is still a long way to go for a gender balance in sport, gender inequalities and refereeing are particularly striking. González-Fernández et al’s, Mujeres y árbitras: historias de vida de un doble minoría en el deporte [Women and referees: Life stories of a double minority in sports] presents, from a qualitative perspective, a remarkable contribution to what such women usually have to deal with.

There are also several contributions to the subfield of Exercise Psychology and Health, including Palop et al’s, Influencia del entrenamiento vibratorio en el dolor y la calidad de vida de mujeres mayores de 65 años [Influence of vibration training on pain and quality of life in women older than 65 years old]; Cabrita et al’s, Identidad atlética y características del atleta como predictor de la dependencia al ejercicio [Athletic identity and athlete characteristics as predictor of exercise dependence]; and García-Toro et al’s, Relación entre actividad física, gravedad clínica y perfil sociodemográfico en pacientes con Depresión Mayor [Physical activity, clinical severity and sociodemographic profile relationship in major depression patients].

The current RPD/JSP issue also includes two papers focused on instrumentation: Ramos et al’s Validity evidences of the Portuguese version of the Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire and Lavega et al’s Validation of games and emotions scale (GES-II) to study emotional motor experiences; and a Review: Latinjak et al’s Autohabla y deporte: una revisión interpretativa [Sport self-talk: An interpretative review].

Current edition, also, introduce 6 studies about the topic “Optimization of training a physical-sportive readaptation”, whose special editors Eduardo J. Fernández Ozcorta from University of Huelva and Dogesport group, and Félix Arbiñanga from University of Huelva, have wanted to address one of the most interesting issues of our discipline. Gómez-Espejo et al. introduce a revision of the works about Return to play and the psychological aspects associated to it, Return to play (RTP) and aspects psicológicos asociados: una revisión sistemática [Return to play (RTP) and psychological aspects associated to it: a systematic revision]. On the other hand, two of this articles address different aspects related with the mental load or perceived effort, from Alarcón-López et al., Incidencia de la carga mental en la precisión del pase en jóvenes jugadores de fútbol [Influence of the mental load in the pass’ precision in young football players], and from Grimal y Lorenzo, Efectos de la inclusión de cambios de dirección (COD) durante el entrenamiento intervalívico de alta intensidad (HIIT) sobre la frecuencia cardíaca y el rango de esfuerzo percibido en jóvenes jugadores de baloncesto [Effects of the inclusion of redirection (COD) while the interinterval training of high intensity (HIIT) of the heart frequency and the effort range appreciated in young basketball players]. Another two projects introduce different perspectives about the role to do of the volleyball players and the indoor football players, from Conejero-Suárez et al., Análisis de la relación entre el rol del jugador y la toma de decisiones y eficacia en voleibol [Analysis of the relationship among the player’s role and the decision making and the efficiency in volleyball] and from Castillo-Rodríguez et al., La impulsividad determina el rol desempeñado por los jugadores de futsal [The impulsivity establishes the role played by the indoor football players].

Finally, Nadal et al. introduce Diseño de un instrumento observacional para la valoración del penaliz en fútbol y análisis de los resultados obtenidos [the design of an observational instrument to assess the penalty in football and to analyse the obtained results].

Previous issue’s editorial, wrote by Ass. Prof. Alex García-Mas, Senior Editor of the journal, brought into discussion whether practitioners use scientific knowledge published in RPD/JSP and other scientific journals. The topic came up due to two different symposia held during the last ISSP Seville World Congress, which showed up the gap between applied professional and researchers. RPD/JSP has received a letter to the editor by Dr. Pablo Jodra, currently Vice President of the
Spanish Federation of Sport Psychology Association and a practitioner with a vast experience in the field who is also lecturing or has been lecturing in different universities. He has pick up the gauntlet of the debate posed by Ass. Prof. García-Mas raising some other questions we hope someone else will be willing to contribute to in the next future.

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